

FOOD BATTLE OPENED WITH FIERCE SHOTS FROM HOOVER

Regulator Declares That High Prices Are Due To Manipulation By Speculators and Not To the Shortage in Supplies

RAPACITY OF RETAILERS BLAMED IN NEW YORK

Commissioner of Weights and Measures of Greater City As-
serts That the Warehouse and
Cold Storage Plants Choked

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)

NEW YORK, June 20—The high cost of living was assailed yesterday by officials here and by Food Commissioner Hoover in Washington, each of whom asserted that the prices now being charged the public for the ordinary staples are exorbitant and the result of manipulation rather than as any result of any increased demand or shortage in supplies.

The commissioner of weights and measures of New York announces that the prices on food stuff in this city are due to the rapacity of the retailers, who are holding back supplies in order to keep up the market. Every cold storage plant in the city today is full to capacity, says this official, evidence indisputable that the supply is plentiful, yet the retail prices show practically no declines and in some instances are actually advancing.

There is no justification for the prices being charged, says the commissioner. The British have ceased purchasing food stuff in New York and the people are living economically, so there is no great demand to justify the retail costs. The wholesalers, report the commissioner, agree that the retailers are attempting to secure exorbitant profits and are holding their stocks at prices that limit consumption.

Appearing before the senate committee considering the administration's two food control bills, Food Controller Hoover made a severe arraignment of the food supply manipulators of the country, whom he said are unjustifiably holding up prices to such an extent that they are monthly fleecing the American public of excess profits to the amount of fifty million dollars.

These food pirates, said Hoover, have been creating artificial prices for the past five months, to such an extent that bread today in New York City is dearer than in starving Belgium, and from thirty to forty per cent higher than in England, supposed to be suffering from a blockade.

Flour, which today is selling at fourteen dollars a barrel, could be sold with a fair profit for nine dollars.

Hoover vigorously disclaimed any idea of trying to establish a dictatorship over the American people. He said that the bill is a war necessity to protect the Americans as well as to guarantee a source of supply to the Allies which will help to win the war. He pointed out that the European Allies are dependent on the United States.

At a meeting held at the Capital last night between the heads of many of the most prominent women's organizations of the country and Mr. Hoover, the women pledged their support to him in his fight to drive down prices on the necessities of life.

AUSTRIAN CABINET FACES BREAKUP SAYS REPORT

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
LONDON, June 20—Denmark, Switzerland and Holland have been formally advised of a grave cabinet crisis over the failure of the budget to pass the Austrian parliament, and the ever present Polish question. A despatch from Basel, Switzerland, yesterday reported that the cabinet had already been forced to resign, but this has not been confirmed. Despatches from Zurich, Switzerland, however, were more or less in confirmation of the report. They declared that wild disorder bordering on a pitched battle occurred on the floor of the Austrian reichstag at Vienna when a pro-German delegate declared that the Polish people should all be hanged.

A Polish deputy, Darsinsky, had declared to the reichstag that 30,000 Poles had been hanged by order of the Germans. Another delegate, a Pan-German named Heine, shouted, "They have not used rope enough! All of the Poles should be hanged." Immediately there was a rush of Polish deputies at Heine and an uproar ensued, the sitting finally being suspended.

HOUSE OF COMMONS TAKES STAND FOR SUFFRAGE Votes For Women Approved As General Principle

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
LONDON, June 20—Votes for women won a distinct victory in the house of commons yesterday and suffragists are jubilant tonight. By a large majority the members of the house of commons put themselves on record when they passed a resolution that as a general principle the women of the realm are by right entitled to full suffrage.

The next step towards universal suffrage in Great Britain will be the presentation of the bill which will grant women the power to exercise the power to which yesterday's vote has said they are entitled. When this stage is reached Jeannette Rankin will be used as an argument in the debate against the measure.

Last night suffragist leaders expressed confidence that the long fight they have made will soon be finished with victory for them as their reward. The house of commons reached the suffragist clause of the electoral reform bill yesterday and it is expected to pass easily. The resolution approving of it as a principle carried by a majority of 320 and Sir Frederick Bantley's amendment that the bill be defeated by a vote of 385 to 46.

After the passage of this clause will come up the question of conferring with the king on the proposal that "it is deemed desirable that princes of his family and those of his who have German names or titles shall relinquish them and adopt British surnames."

German Crops Wither Beneath Burning Sun

COPENHAGEN, June 19—The hottest summer known for seventy years is burning up Germany's much-needed food crops. The Kraus Zeitung declares the damage done by the weather is in punishment for the irreligion of the people. The Germans are using cabbage and strawberry leaves for cigars.

EXPORT CONTROL TO BECOME LAW TODAY

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
WASHINGTON, June 20—President Wilson is expected to sign the export control bill today and thus complete the enactment of a law which will put a great power in the hands of the government.

Export control is another step in the putting into effect of the administration's war preparation program. When operative it will be a powerful weapon against the enemy through neutral nations, and can be so operated as to be of immense benefit to the people of the United States as a preventive of possible shortage of goods urgently needed at home.

FUND FOR RED CROSS MOUNTING RAPIDLY

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
WASHINGTON, June 20—More than one-third of the \$100,000,000 sought for the American Red Cross has already been subscribed and less than a third of the time set for the raising of it has elapsed. Figures set for the amount to be raised during Red Cross week are expected to be surpassed much as the Liberty Loan was over subscribed.

The general committee in charge of the Red Cross week campaign last night announced that contributions for the first two days were in excess of \$35,000,000 and at that were incomplete. Commitment were enthusiastic over these results and the hearty and ready support that is being given the movement from every section of the country that has reported.

SURRENDER WILL BE DEEMED ABANDONMENT

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
NEW YORK, June 19—The federal court today decided that the submitting to capture by a ship at sea constitutes the abandonment of its cargo. The case arose from the claim by the owners of the Appam, British ship captured by a German raider, for the recovery of money for their freight from the proceeds of the perishable cargo.

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AMERICAN OFFICER IS IN COMMAND OF BRITISH SHIPS

Signal and Unusual Honor Paid
Vice-Admiral Sims of the United States Navy Which May Have Political Significance in Ireland

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
WASHINGTON, June 20—That a signal honor has been paid to Vice-Admiral Sims, U. S. N., commanding the American destroyer flotilla in European waters, by the British admiralty is the news conveyed in despatches from London yesterday, announcing that the British have turned over to the American commander the command of all the naval forces of the Allies operating in Irish waters, during the temporary absence from the fleet of the British admiral.

This is the first time in history that an American naval officer has ever been in command of a British naval force and the surrendering of the command by the British admiralty of their ships in their own home waters is regarded as an honor of signal significance.

The despatches from London bring the first intimation to the American public that Admiral Sims is actually at sea with his ships and has been directly commanding them in their patrol operations.

It is thought that there is a political significance in the British move of permitting an American admiral to command a British fleet in Irish waters, as the move will be a notification to Irish nationalists of the fact that there is complete cooperation between Great Britain and the United States in the war, with both governments working with a common purpose against Germany.

United States Seeks Japanese Ships For Trade On Atlantic

Negotiations Are Under Way To
Relieve Congested Conditions
Arising From Entry of the United States Into War Against the Powers of Kaiserdom

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
WASHINGTON, June 20—The United States government is now negotiating with Japan for the transfer to Atlantic waters from the Pacific of "rough merchant" shipping to relieve the great freight congestion which is developing with many American ships being tied up for government purposes and the British shipping being employed in the transportation of its own and its allies' supplies.

It is said that the Japanese could spare enough ships to handle two million tons on the Atlantic without seriously interfering with their own trans-Pacific business on the Pacific.

Great Britain is said to be particularly anxious that the efforts of the United States with Japan be successful, as this will release still more British tonnage for necessary war work.

BELGIAN MISSION'S WORK DEEMED DONE

Letter of King Is Presented To
President, Envoys Have No
Requests and Give No Advice

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
WASHINGTON, June 20—The members of the Belgian mission, having formally expressed the gratitude of the Belgian nation to the United States and presented King Albert's personal letter to President Wilson, announce that they consider their errand completed, inasmuch as they have no requests to make for men, money or ships and have not come to the United States to offer any advice to its government.

The Belgian commissioners were guests of Secretary of State Lansing at an official dinner last night. In the letter from King Albert, the Belgian monarch said:

"I am happy again to express to your excellency the gratitude my country owes you, and the firm hope that on the day of reparation, toward which America will contribute so bountifully, full justice will be rendered my country."

STANDARD OIL SHIP SUBMARINE VICTIM

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
WASHINGTON, June 20—The Standard Oil tankship John D. Archbold has been sunk by a submarine off the coast of France, with five of the crew lost. The United States naval gunners aboard were saved.

JUSTICE FOR ALL TO BE AMERICA'S SLOGAN MESSAGE TO RUSSIA

Copies of the vitally important message which President Wilson sent to Russia, and which was delayed in transmission, came to this city in the mail yesterday. This message, though addressed to the people of Russia and intended to be released in Petrograd the day after the arrival of the American mission headed by Mr. Root, is really the first authoritative statement from the President of the aims which the United States has in going to war with the Huns. It answers in full the "no annexation" and "no indemnity" cry of the pro-German pacifists of the Russian provisional government circles. The President's word has gone out denouncing in unmeasured terms the German proposal of a restoration of the "status quo" before the war, showing clearly the real inwardness of this new little scheme of Berlin.

The message was printed in Germany, but following the policy of the Berlin government, which, at that time, was by conciliate the Russians, nothing was said regarding it in the papers of the Kaiser's land. Evidently word had gone forth not to irritate Russia by any comment upon a message from Wilson to that country. But the embargo did not hold for the President's "Flag Day" address, which followed very much the same lines of the Russian message. This speech the German press fell upon with tooth and claw and tore it to shreds, applying such polite terms to Wilson as "traitor and hypocrite."

The text of the message to the Slavs follows:

In view of the approaching visit of the American delegation in Russia to express the deep friendship of the American people for the people of Russia and to discuss the best and most practical means of cooperation between the two peoples in carrying the present struggle for the freedom of all peoples to a successful consummation, it seems opportune and appropriate that I should state again in the light of this new partnership, the objects the United States has had in mind in entering the war. Those objects have been very much belabored during the past few weeks by mistaken and misleading statements, and the issues at stake are too momentous, too tremendous, too significant for the whole human race to permit any misinterpretations or misunderstandings, however slight, to remain uncorrected for a moment.

The war has begun to go against Germany, and in their desperate desire to escape the inevitable ultimate defeat those who are in authority in Germany are using every possible instrumentality, are making use even of the influence of groups and parties among their own subjects to whom they have never been just or fair, or even tolerant, to promote a propaganda on both sides of the sea which will preserve their influence at home and power abroad to the undoing of the very men they are using.

The position of American in this war is so clearly avowed that no man can be excused for mistaking it. She seeks no material profit or aggrandizement of any kind. She is fighting for no advantage, or selfish object of her own, but for the liberation of peoples everywhere from the aggressions of autocratic force. The ruling classes in Germany have begun too late to profess a like liberty and justice of purposes, but only to preserve the power they have set up in Germany and the selfish advantages which they have wrongly gained for themselves and their private projects of power all the way from Berlin to Bagdad and beyond. Government after government has by their influence, without open conquest of its territory, been linked together by a link of intrigue directed at nothing less than the peace and liberty of the world. The meshes of the intrigue must be broken, but cannot be broken unless wrong already done is undone; and adequate measures must be taken to prevent it from ever again being renewed or repaired.

Of course, the imperial German government and those whom it is using for their own undoing are seeking to obtain pledges that the nations must realize their common life and effect a workable partnership to secure that life against the aggressions of autocratic and self-pleasing power. For these things we can afford to pour out blood and treasure. For these are the things we have always professed to desire, and unless we pour out blood and treasure now and succeed, we may never be able to unite or show conquering force again in the great cause of human liberty. The day has come to conquer or submit. If the forces of autocracy can divide us they will overcome us; if we stand together, victory is certain and the liberty which victory will secure. We can afford then to be generous, but we cannot afford then or now to be weak or omit any single guarantee of justice and security.

AMERICAN SHIPPERS TO INSURE SAILORS

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
WASHINGTON, June 20—Secretary McAdoo yesterday issued regulations that will require the owners of all American ships operating in the war zone to insure the officers and men of such ships against death, maiming or capture. Insurance on officers is to be in amounts varying from \$1500 to \$5000, according to the officer's grade.

These new insurance regulations are to go into effect as to vessels in American ports on June 26 and as to vessels in foreign ports on July 10. John J. Growley, who is in charge of the seamen's division on war risks, desires to have regulations broadened so as to extend them to cover vessels trading between coastwise ports and other ports that are outside of the war zone.

CANADIAN MAKERS OF PAPER MUST HELP

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)
OTTAWA, Ontario, June 20—Canadian paper manufacturers will be compelled to bear their share of the burden of supplying the Dominion with its news print paper, which has now reached a price as to be a serious handicap on the publishing business. The announcement of this was made yesterday by Crown Commissioner Pringle, presiding over the board of inquiry being held over the news print situation. It is probable that the government will fix a maximum price and compel the manufacturers to fill orders at the agreed-upon figure.

DESTROYER FLEET IS READY FOR JAPANESE

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji)
TOKYO, June 19—Announcement has been made by the Japanese admiralty that six newly constructed destroyers are now ready for a special mission.

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ALLIES MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR DRIVE ON TEUTON LINES

Reports Show Plans For Launching Attack On Western and Southern Fronts That Will Break Forces of the Kaiser

GERMANS EVIDENTLY ARE ANTICIPATING ATTACKS

Berlin Despatches Seek To Be-
little Situation On Balkan
Front, Where France Claims
To Have Made Advances

PETROGRAD, June 20—The Germans have resumed their attacks on the Riga front, and for several days now they have been sending a squadron of aeroplanes against that city, and dropping bombs. Yesterday five planes raided the place, but were driven off without inflicting much damage upon the city of a military nature.

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service)

NEW YORK, June 20—From a score of sources in Flanders, France and Macedonia comes the report that the Entente is steadily preparing for a tremendous offensive that shall break upon the German armies and those of the Kaiser's allies simultaneously on all the western and southern fronts. Preparations for this offensive are said to be going on with feverish haste, particularly on the western front, where enormous quantities of munitions are being assembled, and where masses of men are being gathered for the proposed stroke. No detail of the proposed attack has been allowed to leak out from headquarters, but the constant stream of supplies of all sorts, including large quantities of high explosives, is taken to indicate that the big command had decided that the time is ripe to strike and strike hard.

The Germans are evidently aware of the coming offensive for they are striking furiously but vainly in a dozen different places. Yesterday reports from France indicated that the Huns are attempting to wrest from the French the important observation posts taken in the last big French drive. In this, according to despatches from Berlin last night, the attackers were at first successful, but later, the same reports admit, were compelled to abandon their gains and fall back to their own trenches. The police then counter attacked, and succeeded in winning additional positions in Champagne. Northeast of the farm of Hurtebise, where there has been such deadly fighting of late, the French failed, says Berlin to recover ground they had lost in the fighting of June 14.

Berlin declares that the movements of the armies in Flanders and north France were without especial significance, but the reports from that front indicate that the Germans had attempted vainly to recover ground lost to the British and Belgians.

The German general staff is attempting to belittle the situation in the Balkan fronts, but Paris reported last night that the French are moving steadily forward in that theater, and that the population is meeting the Entente troops gladly, and surrendering large quantities of arms and ammunition.